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SUBJECT: PETROLEUM - CABOTAGE RATES BETWEEN GULF AND
NORTHEASTERN PORTS

REF: CARACAS 6421, 6586

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1. DEPT. IS FURNISHING FOLLOWING TARIFFS AS EXAMPLES
REPEAT EXAMPLES OF TARIFF RATES FOR TRANSPORTATION OF
PETROLEUM BETWEEN A U.S. GULF AND NORTHEASTERN PORT:

A. TARIFF DESCRIPTION: "CRUDE PETROLEUM OIL, IN ITS
NATURAL STATE, OR CRUDE PETROLEUM OIL WHICH HAS BEEN
SUBJECTED ONLY TO NATURAL WEATHERING, SETTLING OR TREATMENT
FOR THE REMOVAL OF WATER AND BOTTOM SEDIMENT AND NOT
BLENDED WITH OTHER PRODUCTS; PETROLEUM RESIDUAL FUEL OIL;
AND PETROLEUM GAS OIL; IN RAILWAY TANK CARS, CARLOADS, OR
R35 AND MINIMUM WEIGHTS IN CARS OF 8,000 GALLON CAPACITY
OR GREATER AND SUBJECT TO ESTIMATED WEIGHT, OF 7.4 LBS

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PER GALLON."

B. TARIFF RATE: "HOUSTON TO BOSTON: 186 CENTS PER 100 LBS; HOUSTON TO BALTIMORE, 172 CENTS PER 100 LBS."

C. SOURCE: SOUTHWESTERN FREIGHT BUREAU (SWFB) TARIFF, SW/E/33-J, ICC 4932, ITEM 500, SECT. 2.

2. FYI: PORT OF HOUSTON TARIFF NO. 8, ITEM 65 PROVIDES FOR A WHARFAGE CHARGE OF "ONE HALF CENT PER BARREL OF 42 GALLONS."

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3. DEPT. RECOMMENDS GOV HAVE A REPRESENTATIVE OF VENEZUELAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON DIRECTLY CONTACT THE ICC FOR ADDITIONAL TARIFF RATES SINCE THEY ARE PART OF ICC PUBLIC RECORDS. EMBASSY SHOULD EMPHASIZE IN TRANSMITTAL OF CONTENT IN PARAS. 1 AND 2 TO GOV THAT THERE ARE DOZENS OF TARIFF SCHEDULES FOR VARIOUS TYPES OF PETROLEUM PRODUCTS AND THAT THE TARIFF RATE, FOR EXAMPLE, FROM HOUSTON TO BOSTON FOR THE SAME (PETROLEUM)PRODUCT DOES NOT NECESSARILY HAVE THE SAME TARIFF RATE FROM BOSTON TO HOUSTON. ROGERS

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